

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Withdrawn) A method for managing parts used in fluid machinery comprising:
creating a compatible-parts database for a plurality of fluid machinery in association with a common part used therein, said compatible-parts database identifying a part with a part identifier uniquely predetermined for said part.

2. (Withdrawn) A method for managing parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 1, further comprising:

associating said fluid machinery in said compatible-parts database with a control identifier assigned for a part used in said fluid machinery.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery, comprising:

creating storing information about a plurality of groups of fluid machinery of a user, each member of a group having a part compatible with other members of said group, in a compatible-parts database for a plurality of fluid machinery of a user in association with a common part used therein, said compatible parts database identifying so as to identify said a part with a part identifier uniquely predetermined for said part to indicate compatibility with said group;

presenting said compatible-parts database to said user; and

ordering, by said user, a said compatible part for fluid machinery from a service provider by referring to said compatible-parts database.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, further comprising:

presenting a control identifier assigned for ~~a~~said compatible part used in said user's fluid machinery to said service provider; and

associating said fluid machinery in said compatible-parts database with said control identifier.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 4, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

ordering, by said user, orders a said compatible part ~~fluid machinery~~ from said service provider based on said control identifier ~~corresponding to said part~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

communicating information ~~communicated~~ between said user and said service provider ~~is transmitted~~ via a storage medium storing configured to store said information, said storage medium capable of being read by a computer.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

communicating information ~~communicated~~ between said user and said service provider ~~is transmitted~~ by a client terminal on said user end and a server on said service provider end connected to each other via a network.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, wherein said step of ordering comprises:
ordering via a parts center serving as a regional base for distributing parts~~performs a part of the role or the entire role of said service provider.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:
regularly or irregularly acquiring, by said service provider, regularly or irregularly
~~acquires~~ information for about fluid machinery employed by said user; ~~to and~~
~~update~~ updating said compatible-parts database.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, further comprising:
associating said compatible part in said compatible-parts database with ~~the a~~ status of parts stocked by at least one of said service provider and said user; ~~and~~
regularly or irregularly acquiring information for parts stocked by said at least one of said service provider and said user; and
updating to update said compatible-parts database.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:
procuring, by said service provider, procures a part used in fluid machinery from the
~~same users or different users~~ said compatible part from one of said user and another user.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

managing, by said service provider, ~~manages~~ maintenance of fluid machinery employed by said user based on information stored in said compatible-parts database.

13. (Withdrawn) A system for managing parts used in fluid machinery comprising:
a compatible-parts database for a plurality of fluid machinery of a user in association with a common part used therein, said compatible-parts database identifying a part with a part identifier uniquely predetermined for said part;

an input device for inputting a search condition for searching said compatible-parts database;

a search component for searching said compatible-parts database for a part of fluid machinery that matches said search condition inputted by said input device; and

a display device for displaying information on said part searched out by said searching component.

14. (Withdrawn) A system for managing parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 13, wherein said fluid machinery in said compatible-parts database is associated with a control identifier assigned for a part used in said user's fluid machinery.